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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM TODOR ZHIVKOV

1. THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM TODOR ZHIVKOV,
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BULGARIA:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY OF INDEPENDENCE,
- HAVE THE HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF TO
EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND BEST
WISHES FOR THE ALL ROUND SUCCESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS PLEASANT OPPORTUNITY
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TO POINT OUT THE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO EXPRESS MY BELIEF
THAT THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO

DEVELOP TO THE INTEREST OF THE BULGARIAN AND AMERICAN
PEOPLE, TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

TODOR ZHIVKOV
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

TODOR ZHIVKOV
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK
YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE
ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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